

Air Resources Board

Alan C. Lloyd, Ph.D. Chairman





February 18, 2000

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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: REVISED NOTICE - PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR THE CARL MOYER

PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD TO DISCUSS CONTINUED FUNDING FOR THE CARL MOYER AIR QUALITY STANDARDS ATTAINMENT

PROGRAM

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Air Resources Board (Board or ARB) will conduct public meetings for the Carl Moyer Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (the Carl Moyer Program) Advisory Board to consider the need to continue funding the Carl Moyer Program. Pursuant to section 44297 of the Health and Safety Code, the ARB, in cooperation with the districts, must prepare a report on the implementation, to date, of the Carl Moyer Program. In addition, the Carl Moyer Program Advisory Board (Advisory Board) was created by Assembly Bill 1571 to review the staff report, as well as prepare its own report and hold a public hearing on the need for continuing the Carl Moyer Program. The Advisory Board's report must be submitted to the Legislature and the Governor no later than March 31, 2000. The Advisory Board conducted its first public meeting on February 8, 2000 at ARB's Board Hearing Room in Sacramento, California. In order to provide the public with the opportunity to comment on the Carl Moyer Program before the Advisory Board presents its report to the Legislature and the Governor, there will be two additional public meetings and one public hearing at the times and places noted below.

DATE: February 29, 2000 TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: California Air Resources Board

Auditorium

9530 Telstar Avenue El Monte, CA 91731

DATE: March 15, 2000 (Hearing)
TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: San Francisco City Hall

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goolett Place

Room 250

San Francisco, CA 94109-7714

California Environmental Protection Agency

DATE: March 27, 2000

TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

Governing Board Room

1990 East Gettysburg Avenue

Fresno, CA 93726-0244

Maps and directions to each facility are available on our website at http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/moyer.htm. These facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. If accommodation is needed, please contact Lucina Negrete 14 days before the meeting date at (916) 327-2938 or TDD (916) 324-9531 or (800) 700-8326 for TDD calls from outside the Sacramento area.

SUMMMARY

Through the 1998/1999 fiscal year budget process, \$25 million was allocated to fund the Carl Moyer Program, an incentive program designed to reduce oxides of nitrogen (NOx) emissions from heavy-duty diesel engines. In February 1999, the Board approved the Carl Moyer Program to provide grants to districts to administer the program and fund projects that reduce NOx emissions. In the summer of 1999, \$24.5 million (\$500,000 is for ARB's administration costs) in grant awards were issued to participating districts. Immediately thereafter, initial funding disbursements were distributed to participating districts and districts began soliciting and selecting projects to fund with the 1998/1999 fiscal year funds.

In August 1999, Governor Gray Davis and the Legislature made a one-time appropriation of \$23 million in the 1999/2000 fiscal year budget to continue the program for a second year. From this \$23 million, \$19 million was allocated to ARB to fund projects that reduce NOx emissions. The remaining \$4 million was allocated to California Energy Commission (CEC) to fund infrastructure and advanced technology projects that support the projects funded by ARB.

In October 1999, Governor Gray Davis signed Assembly Bill 1571 (Brulte/Villaraigosa), codifying the Carl Moyer Program, with some minor modifications. Assembly Bill 1571 also required ARB, with the cooperation of the districts, to develop a report on the status of the Carl Moyer Program. ARB's report was to be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature by January 15, 2000. Lastly, the bill created the 13-member Advisory Board.

The Advisory Board is chaired by myself, Michael P. Kenny -- ARB's Executive Officer, and made up of the following industry representatives:

Commissioner Robert Pernell

CEC Member CEC

Mr. Kevin Shanahan

President, Cummins West Heavy-duty Trucking Industry

Mr. John Harris

CEO, Harris Ranch Agricultural Industry

Ms. Becky Wood

Teichert Aggregates Construction Industry

Mr. Kirk Markwald

California Environmental Associates Locomotive Industry

Mr. Larry Keller

Port of Los Angeles Marine Industry

Mr. Tim Carmichael Public Interest Environmental

Coalition for Clean Air Organization

Mr. Mark DeSaulnier

Supervisor, Contra Costa County Regional Transportation Agency

Mr. Robert Garcia

Environmental Defense Fund Assembly Appointee

Mr. Gordon Murley

Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization Assembly Appointee

Ms. Judith Lamare, Ph.D

Consulting Political Scientist Senate Appointee

Mr. Jason Mark

Union of Concerned Scientists Senate Appointee

Nine members were appointed by the Agency Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency, and the remaining four (two each) were appointed by the Senate and the Assembly. The Advisory Board must review ARB's report, hold a public hearing on the need for continuing the program, identify potential funding sources, and prepare its own report (with assistance from ARB and CEC), for submittal to the Legislature and the Governor on or before March 31, 2000.

On January 27, 2000, the ARB staff presented its Board a report on the status of the Carl Moyer Program. The Carl Moyer Program Status Report -- December 29, 1999, was approved for submittal to the Advisory Board, the Legislature, and the Governor. ARB's staff report, and Board presentation is available electronically on our website at http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/moyer.htm. The Carl Moyer Program Status Report was submitted to the Advisory Board for review in developing its own report, and is currently being submitted to the Legislature and the Governor as required under Assembly Bill 1571 (Brulte/Villaraigosa).

Over \$80 million in project funding was requested in the first year of the Carl Moyer Program. This is more than three times the available funding for the first year. By March 31, 2000, about 97 percent of the funds from the first year will be obligated to projects. Statewide NOx reductions from this program are estimated to be about four tons per day with average program cost-effectiveness ranging from \$1,100 to \$4,600 per ton of NOx reduced. If funding for the Carl Moyer Program were to continue at \$30 million per year through 2005, this program would achieve about 20 tons per day of NOx reduced.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS AND CONTACT PERSON

The written report on the Advisory Board's recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature for the Carl Moyer Program will be presented at the public Hearing scheduled for March 15, 2000. The Advisory Board's written report will be available before the March 15, 2000 Advisory Board Hearing and may be obtained electronically on ARB's website at http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/moyer.htm or by contacting Lucina Negrete. Interested members of the public may present comments on this report orally or in writing. Written comments must be mailed and received by Lucina Negrete, Air Pollution Specialist, Mobile Source Control Division, Air Resources

Board, P.O. Box 2815, Sacramento, California 95812, no later than 12:00 noon March 14, 2000. Twenty copies of any written statement or oral testimony provided the day of the meeting should also be submitted to Lucina Negrete.

Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Lucina Negrete, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 327-2938, P.O. Box 2815, Sacramento, California, 95814.

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

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Michael P. Kenny Executive Officer

Date: February 18, 2000